

Interview Summary

Application No.

09/897,162

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Steven B. Theriault

Art Unit

2179

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Steven B. Theriault.

(3) _____.

(2) Bea Thomas.

(4) _____.

Date of Interview: 30 July 2007.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1.

Identification of prior art discussed: Sennett 6400940.

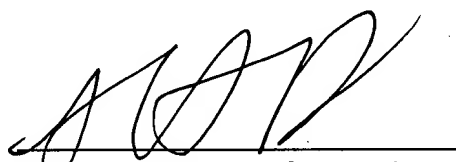
Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN A NON-EXTENDABLE PERIOD OF THE LONGER OF ONE MONTH OR THIRTY DAYS FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.


Examiner's signature, if required

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant contacted the Examiner to arrange for an interview. Applicant presented an interpretation of the prior art that was contrary to the Examiner's interpretation of the art. The Examiner presented arguments that the broad terminology of the claim could be interpreted as the examiner presented in the final office action mailed 03/23/2007. The Examiner suggested possible modifications to the claims but also noted that modifications when submitted in writing would be formally considered and if the scope changes in the claims that the Examiner would require further search and consideration of the changes. .